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## Press Release

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ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL V. McGRAW, JR. RECOVERS GOODS FROM CONSIGNMENT SHOP AFTER OWNER CLOSED ITS DOORS

Attorney General Darrell V. McGraw, Jr., reached an agreement with a South Charleston based consignment shop on Monday, August 8, 2005, in which the business owner agreed to cooperate in returning goods to their rightful owners.

McGraw's Consumer Protection Division began receiving complaints in March of this year from consumers who had consigned their antiques, collectibles, and other items to Elizabeth Hickok, owner of B&H Vintage Sales ("B&H"), also doing business as Crazy Dog Consignment and Andrew's Unique Antiques. Consumers took their items of value to B&H's storefront at 316 Seventh Avenue in South Charleston, so that the business could sell the goods, take a commission, and pay consumers the remaining proceeds from each sale. B&H represented that items would be sold from both the storefront and on Internet auction websites. Some individuals began having trouble reaching the business by telephone, and when they went to the storefront it was always closed. Several consumers became concerned when they learned that their items had been sold and they had not received their share of the sales proceeds.

Since the final closing of the business in July, all remaining goods still in possession of the shop owner have been transferred to a Dunbar location. Consumers whose goods have not been returned by B & H should contact McGraw 's office at his toll-free number, 1-800-368-8808, and obtain a consumer complaint form to request a return of their property.

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